

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A pump rod clamp for gripping a pump rod in an oil, gas or water well. The pump rod  
5 clamp comprises a central housing having a longitudinal bore for receiving a pump rod,  
a plurality of clamping members receivable within the central housing, and one or more  
actuators to cause the clamping members to be moved between an activated position  
where they grippingly engage the pump rod and a deactivated position where they are  
released from contact with the pump rod. Each of the clamping members have a leading  
10 face that includes one or more gripping inserts releasably secured thereto. The gripping  
inserts having outer faces generally aligned with the pump rod for grippingly engaging  
the pump rod when the clamping members are in their activated position such that force  
exerted by each individual clamping member against the pump rod is concentrated and  
distributed over the outer faces of the one or more gripping inserts of each clamping  
15 member.